Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005

878. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the adoption of the Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, India has assumed the lead in recognizing the right to employment as a legal right of the people;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far by Central and different State Governments to give effect to this Act, indicating the number of mandays generated thereby so far; and

(c) whether the International Labour Organisation at one of its meetings held in New Delhi in August-September this year had taken note of the enactment of this Act to work, and called upon other developing countries to emulate India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 was notified in the Gazettee of India on 7th September 2005. The notification for applicability of the Act is yet to be issued under Section 1(3) of the Act. The Act gives a legal guarantee of 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

(c) The International Labour Organisation in collaboration the Ministry of Labour and Employment had organized a Roundtable on the National Rural Employment Programme in India on 30-31 August, 2005. The meeting took note of the enactment of Rural Employment Guarantee Act. The participants at the meeting agreed that many countries in the world would be looking at India to learn from India's experiences in implementation.

Population benefited by PMGSY

879. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of habitations connected through "Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana" since its inception;

(b) the total population benefited through this scheme;

(c) the total financial allocation by Government during the last 3 years till date, State-wise;

(d)whether any time-frame has been fixed to connect all the habitations which are not covered till recently;

(e)whether Government have any proposal to extend this scheme to those habitations which are having below 500 populations;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g)if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) About 22000 Habitations have been connected through Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) since its inception.

(b) 13861 Habitations with population 1000 and above, 6340 Habitations with population 500-999 and 2169 Habitations with population 250—499 have been connected under the Programme so far.

(c) Funds allocated to the States under PMGSY State-wise, during the years 2003-04,2004-05 and 2005-06 are indicated in the Statement. (See below)

(d) to (g) The objective of the PMGSY is to provide connectivity to all Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas with a population of more than 500 persons [250 persons in Hill States, North Eastern States, Desert Areas and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas], through good All-weather roads, by the end of the Tenth Plan period. The Rural Road Component of 'Bharat Nirman' has a goal to provide connectivity to all villages having population of 1000 (500 in the case of Hilly or Tribal areas) with an all weather road by 2009.

Statement

State-wise allocation of funds during 2003-04 to 2005-06

SI. No.	State	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra pradesh	90	90	100
2	Arunachal Pradesh	35	35	52
3	Assam	75	75	176
4	Bihar	150	150	332
5	Chhattisgarh	87	87	235
6	Goa	5	5	5
7	Gujarat	50	50	60
8	Haryana	20	20	25

1	2	3	4	5
9	Himachal Pradesh	60	60	82
10	Jammu & Kashmir	20	20	60
11	Jharkhand	110	110	170
12	Karnataka	95	95	105
13	Kerala	20	20	25
14	Madhya Pradesh	213	213	435
15	Maharashtra	130	130	140
16	Manipur	20	20	28
17	Meghalaya	35	35	40
18	Mizoram	20	20	27
19	Nagaland	20	20	25
20	Orissa	175	175	268
21	Punjab	25	25	30
22	Rajasthan	130	130	229
23	Sikkim	20	20	25
24	Tamil Nadu	80	80	85
25	Tripura	25	25	35
26	Uttar Pradesh	315	315	370
27	Uttaranchai	60	60	95
28	West Bengal	135	135	221
	TOTAL (States)	2220	2220	3480

PMGSY in Orissa

†880. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds released to Orissa State during the year 2004-05 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) the number of schemes completed out of this fund and the status of the incompleted schemes;

(c) whether the amount released has not been spent properly because Central Government do not have any rational monitoring scheme; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Central Government to put in place a rational system of monitoring and scrutinising?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.